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Rico-Argentine Mine Sampling Plan

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- 1) The weather may be a factor to consider, the mine area probably has snow already. The road up to the mine from Rico may not be easily traveled; it is usually easier to approach Rico from the south (Cortez), Lizard Pass is closed a lot in the winter and is a bad road.
- 2) The mine site and pond area have a lot of stray metal and old machinery throughout. Sampling could be slower than predicted and walking through the area dangerous.
- 3) It would be more appropriate to composite water and sediment samples on the Dolores and possibly at some sites on Silver Creek.
- 4) What background data is available on site wells? What is the recharge rate, depth to water, aquifer?
- 5) I do not understand the reasoning behind the two chosen groundwater samples and how the two samples will satisfy objective #3. (How will samples determine source of contamination? Is background data from Anaconda used to determine best wells to sample?)

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